

IN CELEBRATION OF THE LIFE OF  
THE HONOURABLE  
**LOUISE SIMONE BENNETT-COVERLEY**  
AMBASSADOR, SPECIAL ENVOY OF JAMAICA

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SUNRISE: SEPTEMBER 7, 1919  
SUNSET: JULY 26, 2006

# ORDER OF SERVICE

## Service of Thanksgiving *for the life of*

### The Hon. Louise Simone Bennett-Coverley

(September 7, 1919 – July 26, 2006)

at the  
Revivaltime Tabernacle  
4340 Dufferin Street  
Toronto, Ontario

on  
Thursday, August 3, 2006  
at 11 a.m.

#### Officiating Clergy:

*Bishop Dr. Audley James*

*Dr. Pat Francis*

*Rev. Easton Lee*

#### Organists:

*Richard Wilson*

*Andrew James*

#### *Musical Prelude*

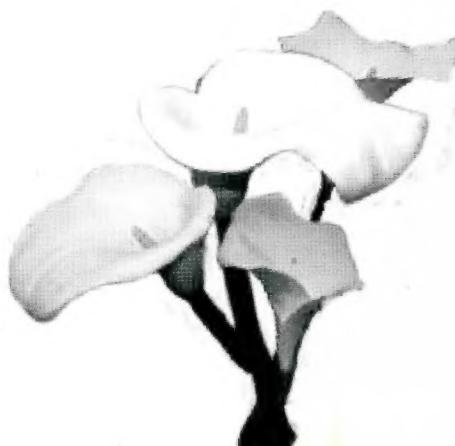
#### *Processional Hymn*

#### **Praise to the Lord, the Almighty**

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation.  
O my soul, praise him, for He is thy health and salvation!  
All ye who hear,  
Now to His temple draw near;  
Joining in glad adoration!

Praise to the Lord, who o'er all things so wondrously reigneth,  
Shelters thee under His wings, yea, so gently sustaineth:  
Hast thou not seen  
How thy entreaties have been  
Granted in what He ordaineth?

Praise to the Lord! O let all that is in me adore Him!  
All that hath life and breath come now with praises before Him!  
Let the Amen  
Sound from His people again:  
Gladly forever adore Him..



Welcome and Invocation

Bishop Dr. Audley James

*Hymn*  
**Great is Thy Faithfulness**

Great is Thy faithfulness, O God my Father;  
There is no shadow of turning with Thee;  
Thou changest not, Thy compassions, they fail not;  
As Thou hast been, Thou forever will be.

*Refrain*

Great is Thy faithfulness!  
Great is Thy faithfulness!  
Morning by morning new mercies I see.  
All I have needed Thy hand hath provided,  
Great is Thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me!

Summer and winter and springtime and harvest,  
Sun, moon and stars in their courses above  
Join with all nature in manifold witness  
To Thy great faithfulness, mercy and love.

Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth  
Thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide;  
Strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow,  
Blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside!

Prayer

Dr. Pat Francis

Messages of Condolence

Hon. Robert Pickersgill, MP  
Minister of Housing, Transport and Works

Ms. Olivia Grange, MP

Representing the Leader of the Opposition

*Ann Marie - City & D of T  
Marganne - Gail*

Musical Selection

Simone Soman

*Wind beneath my  
wings*

Tributes

Leonie Forbes  
Gail Scala  
Olive Senior

Musical Selection

Pastor Winston Hurlock  
*Jerusalem*

Scripture Reading  
Psalm 91

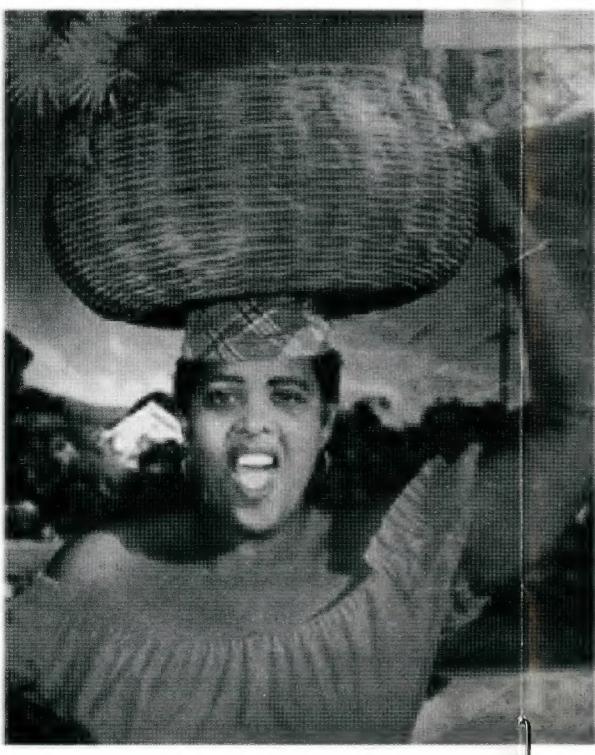
Clayton Coverley

Musical Selection

Rose Heavens  
*It is well with  
my soul*

Scripture Reading  
1 Corinthians 15: 51-58

Simone Watson



*Tributes*

*Michael Lashley*

*Consul General – Republic of Trinidad and Tobago*

*Sandra Carnegie-Douglas*

*President – Jamaican Canadian Association*

*Carol Wong*

*Representing Tsung Tsin Association of Ontario*

*Miss Lou's Poem*

*Denise Jones*

*Eulogy*

*Maud Fuller*



*Hymn*

**The Lord's My Shepherd**

The Lord's my Shepherd, I'll not want;  
He makes me down to lie  
In pastures green; He leadeth me  
The quiet waters by.

My soul He doth restore again  
And me to walk doth make  
Within the paths of righteousness,  
E'en for His own name's sake.

Yea, though I walk in death's dark vale,  
Yet will I fear no ill.  
For Thou art with me and Thy rod  
And staff me comfort still.

My table Thou hast furnished  
In presence of my foes,  
My head Thou dost with oil anoint,  
And my cup over flows.

Goodness and mercy all my life  
Shall surely follow me.  
And In God's house forever more  
My dwelling place shall be.

**Congregational Prayer**

Rev. Easton Lee

**Minister:**

*Let us pray.*

*Almighty God, you have knit your chosen people together in one communion, in the mystical body of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Give to your whole Church in heaven and on earth your light and your peace.*

**Congregation:**

*Hear us, Lord.*

**Minister:**

*May all who have been baptized into Christ's death and resurrection die to sin and rise to newness of life, and may we with him pass through the grave and gate of death to our joyful resurrection.*

**Congregation:**

*Hear us, Lord.*

**Minister:**

*Grant to all who mourn a sure confidence in your loving care, that casting all their sorrow on you, they may know the consolation of your love.*

**Congregation:**

*Hear us, Lord.*

**Minister:**

*Give courage and faith to those who are bereaved, that they may have strength to meet the days ahead in the comfort of a holy and certain hope, and in the joyful expectation of eternal life with those they love.*

**Congregation:**

*Hear us, Lord.*

**Minister:**

*Grant us grace to entrust Louise to your never failing love which sustained her in this life. Receive her into the arms of your mercy, and remember her according to the favour you bear for your people.*

**Congregation:**

*Hear us, Lord*

**Homily**

Bishop Dr. Audley James

**Musical Selection**

Demario McDowell

**Acknowledgements**

Fabian Coverley

**Announcements and Benediction**

Bishop Dr. Audley James

**Musical Selection/Recessional**

The Heritage Singers (Toronto)  
Musical Director,  
Grace Carter-Henry Lyons



**Pallbearers**

Peter Abrahams  
Clayton Coverley  
Prescott Harrison  
Daniel Haughton  
Carl Henry  
Dr. Fredrick McIntosh  
Dick Smith  
Gifford Walker



Paula de Ronde  
Carolyn Goulbourne-Warren  
Lolita Phillips  
Colleen Robinson  
Gail Scala  
Raphaelita Walker

**Acknowledgement**

The family of the Honourable Louise Bennett-Coverley wish to express their sincere appreciation to relatives, friends and well-wishers for their kind expressions of sympathy during this time of bereavement. Your prayers and thoughtfulness will always be remembered.

*"Louise Bennett has been described variously as Jamaica's leading comedienne, as the "only poet who has really hit the truth about her society through its own language", and as an important contributor to her country of "valid social documents reflecting the way Jamaicans think and feel and live." She is all these things and more, for her understanding and feeling for the language which most Jamaicans speak has already carved for her a well-earned place in the infant nation's cultural history. Through her poems in the vernacular, she has raised the picturesque dialect of the Jamaican folk to an art level which is acceptable to and appreciated by all in Jamaica. In her poems she has been able to capture all the spontaneity of the expression of the Jamaican's joys and sorrows, his ready, poignant and even wicked wit, his religion and his philosophy of life."*

*Excerpt from "Jamaica Labrish"*

*Foreward, written by Hon. Rex Nettleford*

A reception at the Jamaican Canadian Association Centre,  
995 Arrow Road, Downsview, Ontario follows the service.  
Donations in lieu of flowers can be made to Women for P.A.C.E. (Canada)  
to the Gordon Town Basic School (adopted by Miss Lou and Mas' Eric)